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SUBJ: BOTSWANA POSITION ON ANGOLA

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1. MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A. M. MOGWE HAS GIVEN A STATEMENT TO GOVERNMENT-PUBLISHED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS ON ANGOLA. IN SUBSTANCE, GOB RECOGNIZES THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA BUT RECOGNIZES NO SINGLE ENTITY AS THE GOVERNMENT. BOTSWANA ALSO DOES NOT RECOGNIZE UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS BY ANY ELEMENT IN ANGOLA. IT IS BOTSWANA'S HOPE THAT THE THREE MOVEMENTS THERE WILL GET TOGETHER TO DECIDE ON A METHOD OF NATIONAL UNITY.

2. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE, MINISTER MOGWE ADDED THAT BOTSWANA HAS SENT A TELEX TO ADDIS RESPONDING TO MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL REGARDING A CALL BY TANZANIA FOR AN URGENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. BOTSWANA'S
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VIEW IS THAT THE TANZANIAN SUGGESTION IS ACCEPTABLE. THEY WOULD

PREFER THAT THE SOMALI PROPOSUL, I.E. AN EXHRAORDINARY SUMMIT, BE CONSIDERED ALSO. THE BOTSWANA SCENARIO WOULD BEGIN WITH A TWO-DAY COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETING TO PREPARE FOR AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE SUMMIT MEETING AT WHICH DECISIONS COULD BE MADE ON THE SPOT. MOGWE FEELS THAT THE LONGER THE SITUATION CONTINUES, THE MORE DANGEROUS IT IS FOR AFRICAN UNITY.

3. DURING DISCUSSION, MOGWE REFERRED TO RECENT "RUMORS" THAT THE U.S. ALSO INVOLVED SOMEHOW IN ANGOLA AND ASKED ABOUT THEIR ACCURACY. CHARGE RECALLED RECENT STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CUTLER BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NOVEMBER 10 PRESS CONFERENCE, BOTH OF WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO MOGWE. MOGWE REMEMBERED THEM BOTH AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. STAND IN SUPPORT OF OAU CONCILIATION EFFORTS.
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